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CES Questions and Answers

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1. Copy of action memo;

Provided.

2. Copy of project budget projection and actual funds avail to project;

The EPA project budget is \$2,000,000.

3. Harris County Flood District role;

This entity is currently not participating in this project. The City of Houston and the Houston Regional TCEQ office have been the OSC's primary local contacts.

4. State role and \$ contribution;

The TCEQ Project Budget is up to \$500,000 for disposal for the CES site. The TCEQ have begun disposal work at the site and to date have removed approximately 150,000 cubic yards of solids and 15,000 gallons of hazardous waste water from the site.

5. City role and \$ contribution;

The City of Houston is providing the following:

- a. Ability to discharge into Sanitary Sewer as needed - EPA is to record the volume discharged and the City intends on billing the Trustee for the cost through the Bankruptcy. It is highly unlikely they will get reimbursed through the Estate;
- b. Ability to use water from the city hydrant. This is supposed to be free to EPA. EPA has used approximately 20000 gallons. EPA did have to pay a \$1000 deposit for the city meter;
- c. Provided EPA with 4 road barriers to place in front of fence at Wayland Street;
- d. Provide EPA with periodic air monitoring support in the residential area with their Mobile Air Monitoring Unit (At beginning of project, during process if asked by OSC, if complaint by community).

6. Cost estimate of clean up to residential standards;

The other media (soil, sediment, groundwater) have not been assessed to determine an

estimate of costs to clean the site property to residential standards. This will be the next phase of the project and is anticipated to be conducted under the TCEQ Voluntary Cleanup Program.

7. Dr. Bulliard assistance;

It is the EPA OSC's understanding that the EPA Region 6 RA brought up Dr. Bulliard's name during the meeting as a potential technical expert. The site OSC has had no contact with a Dr Bulliard at the site.

8. Future use - why can't cleanup cost give property to city;

At this point, the OSC does not know what the future use of the property will be. It is EPA's understanding that to be part of the TCEQ VCP the permits have to be vacated. Additionally, another problem is the city has no zoning although the site OSC has talked with the Fire Department and they have indicated a "Hazardous Enterprises Ordinance Permit" is required for the property (meaning a permit is required to conduct work at this location).

9. HHS and TDSHS health assessment;

The EPA requested the Texas Department of State Health Services be involved through the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) early on in the project. They have reviewed the data and have talked to residents. There has not yet been a health assessment conducted as the soil data is limited. The TDSHS has coordinated with the City HHS Department.

10. Possibility of Brownfields;

Brownfields is not an option at this time since EPA is currently conducting a removal action and there are Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) which have been engaged and are expected to be taking action soon. The OSC has talked with the Regional Reuse Coordinator about the potential for site assistance. The Custodial Trust, TCEQ, City of Houston, and Local Residents would need to be engaged in this process to determine the future use of the property. With the PRPs expressing they will conduct further work at the site, TCEQ has stated their preference for the site to enter the VCP program at the completion of the EPA removal.

11. Other agency funds for long term restoration:

At this time, EPA plans to complete the current \$2,000,000 action with agency funds. The site is headed for the TCEQ Voluntary Cleanup Program where PRPs will be conducting an on and off-site assessment to determine the extent of contamination followed by cleanup actions

deemed necessary by the TCEQ.